REMARKS

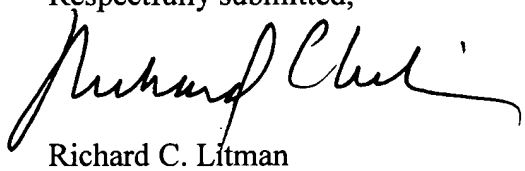
By the present amendment, Applicant has canceled Claims 1-4. Independent method Claims 5 and 6 remain pending in the present application.

In the recent Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by either of the patents to Prestia (U.S. Patent No. 5,678,897) or Wieland Patent No. 5,738,414). The Examiner indicated that method Claims 5 and 6 are allowed.

The Examiner's indication of allowed claims is noted with appreciation. In this regard, Applicant has canceled Claims 1-4. The cancellation of the instant claims by the present amendment renders the prior art rejections of record moot, and should serve to place the application in immediate condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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